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SEVEN JAPANESE KILLED IN FRONTIER CLASH WITH MONGOLS

CASUALTY FIGURES OFFICIAL LISTS PUBLISHED

Only 775 Italian
Natives Killed

MORE SUBMISSIONS CLAIMED

— CHINA MAIL "SPECIAL

Rome, To-day. According to official war bulletin No. 121, Marshal Badoglio reported that there is no news of importance on either front, but that another Abyssinian chieftain, Fisauri Dada Gebremich, who is commander of the Sechet region and a cousin of Ras Gugsa, made his submission, together with 200 warriors.

The first list of casualties of the native troops was issued here yesterday. The total number of native soldiers killed on both the Abyssinian fronts since the outbreak of the war is given as 775.



STILL SOME HOPES LONDON NAVAL PARLEY

Discussion On Size
Of Battleships

FRANCE PROPOSES A
COMPROMISE

London, To-day. Despite the reports that agreement has virtually been reached at the Naval Conference on a 35,000-ton battleship, it is learned that the French are still hopeful of the adoption of a lower limit and are suggesting a compromise whereby each Power is allowed to build two 35,000-ton ships to counterbalance the vessels of this size at present being built in France and Italy.

A solution along these lines might possibly command itself temporarily to the United States, but the Americans are making it quite clear that it will not be accepted permanently. — Reuter.

GUNS MAY BE REDUCED

London: As a result of 90 minutes' conversation yesterday afternoon between the British and American delegations to the Naval Conference, it is understood that it was virtually agreed to retain 35,000-ton battleships, but guns may be reduced to 14 inches. The drafting committee had two further meetings, and is expected to conclude its task to-morrow. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

NEW AIR MAIL SERVICE

INAUGURATED BY CHINESE PLANE

Shanghai, To-day.

Inaugurating the weekly Sino-French air mail service, a China National Aviation Corporation air-liner this morning left for Hanoi, where the mail is being transferred to an Air France machine, to be delivered in Paris on February 24. A passenger service by the same route will be starting shortly.

according to an arrangement already come to between the two services. — Reuter.

GOODWILL FLIGHT CONTINUES

Shanghai, to-day. The British Air Attaché at Shanghai announces that the R.A.F. Short flying-boats from Singapore engaged on a goodwill flight to Japan, left for Manila from Kudat at 6.25 a.m. to-day. — Reuter.

FREAK WEATHER CONDITIONS

Reported All Over
The World

London, To-day. Freak weather conditions are reported from all parts of the world. Owing to the continued cold in Rumania, wolves have invaded the outlying villages and a considerable amount of livestock has been killed by them.

Over the border in Bulgaria blizzards caused a collision between a passenger train and a goods train, in which five people were killed and 15 injured.

In Venezuela three men were frozen to death on the famous Lagoon. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

FRENCH SEAPLANE STILL MISSING

Paris, To-day. The hopes of finding the seaplane Villa de Buenos Aires are vanishing. There is no trace so far of the machine. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

MISLEADING REPORT
Addis Ababa: The official Italian War bulletin, dated February 10, which states that up to that date a total of 844 Italian soldiers had been killed in the war, is characterised as a "deplorable attempt to mislead the Italian people," in an official announcement here.

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MR. HU HAN-MIN UNDECIDED

Making Sure Of
His Ground

DEPARTURE WOULD BE LOSS TO SOUTH-WEST

From Our Own Correspondent
Canton, To-day. General Pai Hsung-hsi, the Kwangsi military leader, will shortly come to Canton to consult Mr. Hu Han-min on political questions. The veteran Kuomintang leader is in normal health, being called upon by various political leaders from other parts of the country.

Mr. Hu has cancelled his trip to Nanking, as his terms of co-operation have not yet been accepted by General Chiang Kai-shek, President of the Executive Yuan. Mr. Hu co-operated with General Chiang Kai-shek on two different occasions, and each time they parted in difficulties. Now Mr. Hu wants to make sure of his bearings before he goes to Nanking again.

Another cause for his stay is that high officials here want Mr. Hu to remain in Canton. The Party leader is the main pillar of the South-west quasi-independent regime, and his withdrawal will seriously affect the position here.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding is announced Mr. John William Woolard, Fire Brigade Officer, attached to the Central Fire Station, and Miss Eugenia Vandy Vargimak, of No. 7, Hankow Road, Kowloon.



Our map shows where the Manchukuo-Mongolian forces under Japanese leadership, pushing deep into Inner Mongolia, have seized Fengcheng, an important centre on the Peiping-Suiyuan railroad which taps the huge mining area in Suiyuan province. This Japanese activity is cited in the plea of Premier V. M. Molotov (right) for a huge increase in the Soviet's budget for national defence.

PARCEL POST INCREASE AT LOWER RATES

8,000,000 More Reported

London, To-day. The Postmaster-General, Major Tryon, in a Parliamentary reply stated that in the first six months, ending December 31 last, during which the new parcel post rates reductions had been in operation, the number of parcels carried had increased by 8,000,000 as compared with the corresponding period of 1934, an increase of about 10 per cent. — British Wireless Service.

BIG FIRE IN NEW YORK

East-Side Building
Gutted

CHURCH PARTY TRAPPED
IN RESTAURANT

New York, To-day.

At least three men and one woman were killed and more than 30 injured, some of whom are not expected to recover, as the result of a fire in an east-side building.

The blaze started in a shop on the ground floor and spread to a Chinese restaurant, which was crowded and was plunged into confusion. The guests included 150 participants in a church function. Some people were injured when leaping from windows.

The fire raged for an hour before it was controlled. The building was gutted. The work of the members of the ambulance and the fire brigade was watched by a huge crowd. — Reuter.

FATAL HOTEL FIRE

Three Killed And
20 Injured

Lakewood, N.J., To-day.

At least three people were killed and 20 injured, seven of them seriously, in an hotel fire in the early morning yesterday. The guests were still in bed and the victims were trapped in their rooms. The frozen water-supply hampered the firemen.

The guests who escaped in their night clothes by jumping from their room windows found themselves in an almost Arctic temperature. The hotel, which was built of wood, was burnt out. — Reuter.

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LEITH-ROSS MISSION

Proposed Visit To
Canton

EXPERT WILL ALSO GO
TO NANNING

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, the British monetary expert, who is aboard the Taikoo steamer Tai Yuan for Hong Kong, will visit Canton and Nanning, provincial capital of Kwangsi. After his investigation of South China, Sir Frederick will continue his residence in Shanghai.

Tokyo reports state that the British economist will return to England via Japan and will confer with Japanese officials on the Chinese economic situation. Confirmation of such dispatches is unavailable, while Chinese quarters in Shanghai state that Sir Frederick will not go to Japan in the near future.

The British expert is credited with having played an important part in the nationalisation of Chinese silver in Nanking. The managed currency has the effect of improving British imports in China and of decreasing the sale of Japanese goods in this country. In any case, the new currency is raising commodity prices and helping to revive prosperity.

Mr. T. V. Soong, President of the National Reconstruction Committee, and Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance, are stated to be responsible for inviting Sir Frederick to China.

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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Chicago Publisher
As Candidate

Boston, To-day.

The Chicago publisher, Colonel Frank Knox, is standing as a Republican candidate for the Presidency. Nomination papers have been filled up on his behalf at Springfield, Illinois, placing his name in the ballot for the April Presidential primary election. — Reuter.

OFFICER SHOT

EIGHT MONGOLS KILLED

Harbin Conference
Ends In Failure

TENSION INCREASES

Tokyo, To-day. Another clash between Japanese and Mongols on the Manchukuo-Mongol frontier has taken place, as a result of which seven Japanese, including a Lieutenant, and eight Mongols have been killed and a number wounded on both sides, according to a communiqué issued by the Japanese army in Manchukuo.

Meanwhile a conference in Harbin between Mr. Oshii, the Vice-Foreign Minister of Manchukuo, and M. Stavitsky, the Soviet Consul-General, in an attempt to settle the current differences, has ended in a complete rupture.

JAPANESE CHARGES
Hsingking: Returning from an 8-hour conference with the Soviet Consul-General, M. Stavitsky, at Harbin, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Oshii, declared: "The conference ended in a complete rupture." He charged the Soviet Government with ignorance of international justice and persistent manoeuvres to disrupt peace and order in Manchukuo. Mr. Oshii feared that there was little room left for further negotiations in the face of the irresponsible Soviet statements.

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BRITAIN AND
MONGOLIA

QUESTION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, To-day.

At question time in the House of Commons Mr. Anthony Eden, after briefly outlining the position in Outer Mongolia and Sinkiang, said that the question of British representation at Sinkiang would be considered in the light of Sir Eric Teichman's report.

He stated that the British connections with Outer Mongolia were so slight that the expense of maintaining official British representation there would not be justified in the present circumstances. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE

Prospect Of Early
Reopening

BROKERS CO-OPERATE WITH INVESTIGATORS

Shanghai, To-day.

According to the *North China Daily News* optimism was expressed by several brokers at the prospect of the early reopening of the China Merchants' Stock Exchange, which was closed by the authorities for investigation of alleged speculation and manipulation. An order for the re-opening of trading is expected early next week.

According to an official of the Exchange, all brokers have furnished the investigators with a detailed account of transactions and the names of customers. They have also pledged the authorities not to let any official operate through them. — Reuter.

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FRENCH PACT WITH SOVIET

COMPATIBLE WITH COVENANT

PLAIN WARNING TO GERMANY

Paris, To-day.

M. Flandin told the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber that the Franco-Soviet pact was compatible with the League Covenant and Locarno. Therefore there was nothing to warrant Germany fortifying the demilitarized zone.

He emphasized that demilitarisation could not be dependent on any condition. If Germany violated the Versailles Treaty in this connection France would immediately call in the Locarno guarantor Powers with a view to deciding what action to take. Such action would follow the lines of the regular League procedure. — Reuter.

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MARSEILLES MURDER

Three Croats Found
Guilty

— CHINA MAIL "SPECIAL

Marseilles, To-day.

The trial at Aix-en-Provence of three Croatian members of the so-called "Ustache" terrorist organisation in Yugoslavia, who were charged with having been accomplices of Kelemen, the assassin of King Alexander of Yugoslavia, and the French Minister, M. Louis Barthou, ended yesterday evening with all three accused being sentenced to imprisonment for life, after the court had found them guilty of complicity in the murder and of "association with the malefactor."

The prosecution had demanded the death sentence. The alleged head of this plot, who planned the murder, the one-time Croatian Deputy Ante Pavelich, was arrested in Italy some time ago, and will have to face an Italian court. — Trans-Ocean Service.

NO BRITISH CONCESSIONS

London, To-day. In answer to Sir Henry Paget's question at Commons yesterday evening the Colonial Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, stated that His Majesty's Government had not considered and was not considering handing over any British colonies or territories to the League of Nations, — Trans-Ocean Service.

MAIL SCHEDULES

AIR MAIL

Imperial Airways via Singapore
Bandung-Amsterdam via Singapore
Saigon-Marseille via Saigon
Singapore-Australia

Correspondence will be accepted for transmission by these services. Rates and all particulars are shown in the schedules exhibited at the Post Office. All letters etc. must be marked "By Air Mail" and be handed in at the Post Office.

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Canton-Shanghai (via Swatow) - Wednesday and Saturday, Reg. 10 a.m. Ordinary 10.30 a.m.

Canton-Kinmen-Macau - Monday and Friday, Reg. 10 a.m. Ordinary 10.30 a.m.

Canton-Lungchow-Saturdays, Reg. 4.30 p.m. Ordinary 5.00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday Reg. 10 a.m. Ordinary 10.30 a.m.

At Kowloon Central Post Office the mails will be closed $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before the above times.

INWARD MAIIS.

FROM EUROPE

Feb.	Yasukuni Maru (via Siberia)	13
	Fushimi Maru	15
	Somali	18

FROM SHANGHAI

Feb.	Pres. Hoover	13
	Yasukuni Maru	13
	Summing	14
	General Lee	14
	Fred Garfield	21
	Gneisenau	21
	Kitano Maru	21
	Pres. Grant	22
	Cathay	22
	Rio de Janeiro Maru	22

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Feb.	Conte Verde	12
	Fushimi Maru	15
	Kutsang	15
	Ajao	15
	Somali	18
	Santia	20
	Nagato Maru	20
	Pres. Grant	21
	Toba Maru	22

FROM U.S.A.

Feb.	General Lee	14
	Pres. Garfield	14
	Pres. Grant	21

FROM MANILA

Feb.	Pres. McKinley	14
	Tjikembang	15
	Ajao	16
	Atsuta Maru	20

FROM JAPAN

Feb.	Yasukuni Maru	13
	General Lee	14
	Pres. Garfield	14
	Penang Maru	14
	Delago Maru	15
	Kitano Maru	21
	Pres. Grant	21
	Cathay	22

FROM AUSTRALIA

Feb.	Atsuta Maru	20
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OUTWARD MAIIS.

FOR EUROPE

Feb.	Conte Verde (via Siberia)	13
	Yasukuni Maru (Imperial Service)	14
	Closes: Reg. Noon Ord. 12.30 p.m.	14
	Pres. McKinley (via Victoria)	14
	Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.	15
	Fushimi Maru (via Siberia)	15
	Tatsumi Maru (via Siberia)	18
	Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 8.30 p.m.	18
	Cathay (via Marseilles)	21
	Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.	21
	Athos II (via Siberia)	22

FOR SHANGHAI

Feb.	Conte Verde	13
	Pres. McKinley	14
	Fushimi Maru	15
	Atsuta Maru	18

WARM AND FUZZY WOOLLENS

Teddy Bear Rage In Paris

SOFT AS PET RABBIT

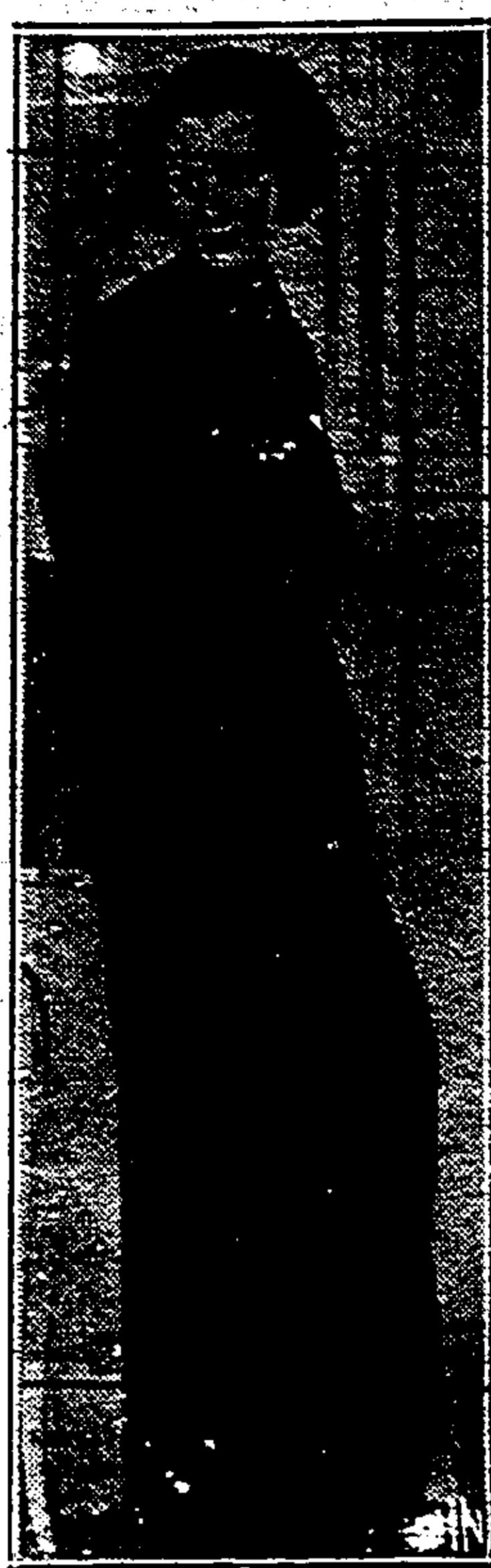
Deliciously tweedy and rough are the winter's newest in woolens, with a look that is as out doors as the woods in late Fall and a feeling to the touch that is as soft as a pet white rabbit.

The very latest fabrics are interwoven with shreds of pure vegetable fibre in their native state, both as to colour and angularity, and as a class have been dubbed "Coconut" in deference to the fibre which lent itself to the first experiments in this new line. More recently, all sorts of others, particularly jute and hemp, have been found to be equally effective.

The effect produced is exactly what might be expected and exactly what the designers have been trying to achieve... something shaggy, dry, and a little rough. When the background material is in a darker shade than the fibrous interweaving the stuff has the appearance of hoar-frost on dark grass, or of a silver-white down.

Frosty Fibre

Not all of these new materials, however, have the vegetable fibre woven into a solid pattern. Many of them, such as the plaid "Karako" and "Cocco," have the frosty fibre etched against them. "Chevco," for instance, is a heavy woolen with chevrons outlined in its pattern. In others, the fibre ap-



The styling of this striking dinner frock worn by Anne Shirley, the screen actress, is marked by its extreme simplicity. The gown is of heavy tampe crepe trimmed with jewel-set silver buttons. The wrap-around skirt is draped at the centre front.

FOR JAPAN

Feb.	Conte Verde	13
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	Fushimi Maru	15
	Tatsumi Maru	18

FOR U.S.A.

Feb.	Pres. McKinley	14
	Fushimi Maru	15
	Tatsumi Maru	18

FOR MANILA

Feb.	Pres. McKinley	14
	Fushimi Maru	15
	Tatsumi Maru	18

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Feb.	Yasukuni Maru	14
	General Lee	14
	Pres. Garfield	15
	Tibadak	18
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FOR AUSTRALIA

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VIA SIBERIA

Letters and post-cards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 8th February to TUESDAY, 18th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hong Kong, 31st Jan., 1936.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd February, 1936, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th February to SATURDAY, the 22nd February 1936 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors
V. M. GRAYBURN,
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Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1936.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 21st February, 1936, to TUESDAY, the 5th March, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors
E. H. CRAPPELL,
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MURDER AT DAVOS

Official Swiss Statement

PRESS ACTIVITIES DEPRECATED

CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Berne, To-day.

On the eve of the burial in his native city of Schwerin of Herr Wilhelm Gustloff, whose death at the hands of a Jewish assassin is mourned by the whole of the German people, the Swiss Federal Council, the Bundesrat, issued an official statement concerning the murder at Davos, where Herr Gustloff exercised his office as regional leader of the National-Socialist Party in Switzerland. The official declaration reads—

“The Federal Council, in today's session, dealt with the attacks made in the newspaper *Volksschau* on February 7 on the German Minister, Baron von Weizsaecker, in connection with the murder of Herr Wilhelm Gustloff. Therein the diplomatic representative of the Reich is accused in an inaccurate and incorrect manner with having interfered with Switzerland and Germany.

“The Bundesrat disapproves of the expressions used, which constitute a serious excess in the sense of the ruling of March 26, 1934, calculated to imperil the correct relations between Switzerland and Germany.

Press Not Blamed

“As for the content of the press statement itself, the Bundesrat considers that the German Minister is by no means blamed by the Swiss press for being the intellectual cause of Herr Wilhelm Gustloff's murder, but it is merely

pointed out that the unbridled personal attacks made against the deceased could have contributed to creating a psychological basis for the deed as committed by David Frankfurter. The Chief of the Swiss Political Department took note of this declaration, but at the same time allowed no doubt to remain that the Swiss authorities were obliged to reject as invalid any implication of a connection between the attitude of the Swiss press and the assassination by a foreign fanatic.

“At the same time attention is drawn to the fact that the stricter application by the Bundesrat of the press decree of 1934 in connection with the assertion of the newspaper *Volksschau* had already been decided before the atrocity against Herr Wilhelm Gustloff was committed.”—Trans-Ocean Service.

VIOLENCE IN SPAIN

Radical Elements On The Warpath

CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Madrid, To-day.

Renewed acts of violence by Left-wing Radical elements occurred in various parts of Spain on Tuesday. In Quedada a group of Marxists shot at the Burgomaster in front of his house, wounding him dangerously. The Burgomaster of Formiche-bajo, near Teruel, who belongs to the Right-wing party, was also wounded by revolver shots when attempting to settle a dispute between political opponents.

A party of Social-Democrats and Communists at Santander destroyed a number of graves in the cemeteries of three neighbouring villages, in some cases tying the coffins bare. The police succeeded in arresting the culprits.

In Calahorra a cloister was set on fire by persons unknown. The fire was fortunately noticed in time and was extinguished before any serious damage was done.—Trans-Ocean Service.

The Cheiro Club weekly whilst

itself held on Tuesday night, was

a great success, there being 16

tables filled. Prices were mainly

the following:—Ladies 1s. 6d.

the Hedges 2s. 6d. Men 2s. 6d.

No. 1 Mrs. Dawson 1s. 6d.

No. 2 Mr. Montague 1s. 6d.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Suit And Notrump Slams

By Ely Culbertson

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will

be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.R.W. on a wavelength of 555 metres (345 K.C.H.).

RELAY OF TALK BY ST. RON.

SIR WALTER RENNIE

Z. E. K. Programme

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Record

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report

1.30 p.m.—Latest Press Bulletins, Radio News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

3-5 p.m.—European Programme

5 p.m.—Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.

5.30-7 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.

7.15 p.m.—A Piano-Roll Recital

James Friedman

1. Some Without Words in F Major (Mendelssohn).

2. Song Without Words in F sharp Minor (Mendelssohn).

3. Berceuse (Chopin).

4. Minuet from Suite (Sok, Op. 21).

7.15-7.45 p.m.—Selections from Musical Comedy.

Viktoria and her Hussar.

The Dohany.

Please Teacher.

7.45-8 p.m.—Cinema Organ Solo.

Film Hit of the Moment.

Sidney Tubb.

Nurs.

Sydney Gostard.

Parade of Parades—Selection.

Quentin M. MacLean.

Naughty Mariette—Selection.

Reginald Dixon.

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Sporting Page



ROYAL SCOT FOR DERBY BUT THERE ARE OTHER PONIES



J. Hubert Stevens, Lake Placid, New York, veteran bobsledder, stands out in a sport which requires nerves of steel and plenty of courage. In 1932 he was America's best in the Olympic Winter Games at Lake Placid and experts expect him to be up with the leaders on the Olympic run in Germany.

CORRESPONDENCE

Old Timer's XI Under Fire

(To the Editor, "China Mail")

Sir.—May I have a little space in your well-known paper so that I can reply to "Old Timer's" letter regarding the best past and present Indian footballers in the Colony.

I have been playing football for quite a long time and I am now too old to participate, but I am still very interested in the game.

I can't see how on earth "Old Timer" picked that forward line. In defence "Old Timer's" suggestion is the best possible, but in the forward line I can't see how Hamet and Rahmin were included.

Older residents will remember the sparkling exhibition given by Bandran, as inside-left, for the Islamic team. Bandran, as a player, was very tricky and could have made many openings for young Omar to shoot a lot of goals.

Now regarding the left-wing position, R. M. Azim, who has been selected as one of the reserves, would no doubt have made a better left-winger than Rahmin. Although Rahmin had speed, he was not tricky enough, whereas Azim not only possessed speed but was very tricky and could shoot well with both feet. His centring was always well directed. I saw him play for St. Joseph's first team three or four seasons back when he gave a fine performance and scored the only goal for St. Joseph's against South China.

This is my best team: U. M. Omar; M. H. Abbas and A. Sabban; S. A. M. Sepher; A. Hamid and G. M. Omar; R. M. Omar; E. A. Moosdeem; A. M. Omar; Bandran and R. M. Azim.

Reserves: B. A. Hyder, K. M. Omar, Mohamed Rumjahn, S. A. Rumjahn O. el Azzali (Radio) and M. H. Hassan (Radio).

"EX-PLAYER".

EASY WIN FOR D.B.S.

On their own ground yesterday the Diocesan Boys' School beat Queen's College in a friendly cricket match by 107 runs.

D.B.S.: 183 for 6 dec. (F. I. Lay 76, A. Dudley 22). Queen's: 46 (Dudley 4 for 7).

KENT'S RUGBY DEFEAT

London, To-day.—In a friendly rugby match yesterday, Wiltshire beat Kent by 11 points to nil. Rector.

ARSENAL FAVOURED TO WIN CUP

PENSIONERS ENGAGE COTTAGERS

BARNSLEY CARRY BEST WISHES OF JUNIOR CLUBS

Although London has four sides over the draw for they have Clubs still in the F.A. Cup competition only one match in the Fifth Round, which will be played next Saturday, will be played in London and that will be at Stamford Bridge where Chelsea entertain Fulham. A real London "Derby" this and the Chelsea ground is likely to be taxed to capacity. Chelsea's two previous victories in the competition were over Second Division Clubs, Norwich 3-1 (after a 1-1 draw at Norwich) and Plymouth Albion 4-1. Fulham have beaten Brighton 2-1 and Blackpool 5-2. Arsenal certainly have a grumble against the deities who pre-

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GUNNERS TOO GOOD FOR THE HOCKEY CLUB

Second Battery Win Fast Game

KISHEN SINGH SCORES FOUR GOALS

The score of 5 goals to 3, in favour of the 2nd Battery, H.K.S.R.A., was a good indication of the run of play in the match on the Marina ground yesterday when the Battery had the better of the Hong Kong Hockey Club. The score in the first half was 3-1 in favour of the Battery. Carey scoring for the Club.

The Battery monopolised the play for the first 15 minutes, in the course of which Kishen Singh, the fast Battery leader, scored three goals. Lt. Garthwaite and Kishen Singh scored again after the interval.

The slippery state of the ground (as the result of the rain on the previous day) was not conducive to good hockey, and most of the players found it rather difficult to keep their feet with rubber shoes on.

Missed Open Goal

Lt. P. de Ramus, on the right-wing for the Battery, sent across some very good passes, though he had the misfortune to see Teja Singh miss an open goal from one of them. On the whole, however, the Battery forwards played quite a good game with Ramus, Kishen Singh and Garthwaite outstanding.

For the Club, Bates, at centre-half, was very hard working, while Teley was also prominent for some good work. On the few occasions that he got away, Carey was dangerous. He scored two of the Club's goals, while Divett netted the other.

Club:—H. F. Shields; J. E. Potter, G. Sommer; J. L. Cotteworth, P. A. Bates; J. L. Teley; A. A. R. Botelho, L. Pracht, G. E. Divett, D. Carey and D. L. Noy.

2nd Battery:—Savan Singh; Dalip Singh, Darshan Singh, Horman Singh, Bachan Singh, Sardar Singh; Lt. Ramm, Aya Singh, Kishen Singh; Lt. Garthwaite, Teja Singh.

The appointment of a successor to Mr. M. L. Raiton, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Association, who is soon leaving Hong Kong on transfer to Tientsin, was discussed at a Council meeting held last night and presided over by Col. H. C. Harrison the Chairman.

As several names were nominated, among whom were Messrs. A. Chapman, J. Elliot, W. E. Hollands, G. T. Stokes and O. Smith, it was decided that a committee composed of Messrs. Wong Ka-tsun, J. Shepherd and Lient. Chapman, together with the Chairman and the Hon. Secretary, be left to deal with the matter.

It was also decided that a presentation be made to Mr. M. L. Raiton, prior to his departure.

SPAKOFF SUSPENDED

At Spakoff, the Rumanian heavy-weight boxing champion, has been suspended for the whole of this year by the Rumanian Boxing Federation for alleged contempt of the federation.

The New Zealand Universities

Rugby touring side will play a return match against Hong Kong on their return trip to-morrow week, when the Colony should have much stronger opposition to put against them, for not only will the Army XV players be available but also

W. E. Grieve and H. D. Bidwell, the

Army Cross-Country Team Race

Race books for the Annual Race

Meeting, which commences on Saturday week, are now ready and may be obtained from the Tour

ers, Messrs.instead and Davis, first floor, Exchange Build

ing, at 60 cents per book.

approximately 4½ miles.



HANK BATH

Jack Kearns, protege of Jack Dempsey, and Kearns says Hank is better than Dempsey was when he started. Bath is 5 feet 10 and weighs 185, which Kearns says is just right for speed and power.

TEAMS FOR SATURDAY'S RUGBY TRIAL

Frost To Be Seen At Full-Back

BIDWELL AS CENTRE THREEQUARTER

Two fairly well-balanced teams have been selected for the Probables versus Possibles Rugby match on Saturday at Sookkimpoo, commencing at 4.15 p.m., in preparation for the return visit of the New Zealand Universities' tourng fifteen to-morrow week.

P. C. Frost is at last being given a trial at full-back for the Possibles and, in view of his excellent defence, has good chance of securing his place in the team. Preece, of the Army, is, however, playing in his second trial for Probables.

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DORSETSHIRE'S RUGBY VICTORY OVER CLUB "A"

Poorest Match This Season

CIVILIAN BACKS AGAIN DISAPPOINTED

(By "REFEREE") One of the poorest "A" fifteen Rugby yesterday when H.M.S. Dorsetshire beat the Club by two tries (6 points) to nil after leading at the interval by a try.

Chances galore were thrown away by the Club backs, Peers and Archers being the biggest offenders with miserable passing, while the latter was definitely misplaced at fly-half.

Frost, at full-back, and Edwards, at centre-threequarter, were the pick of the backs, although Lammett, who made his first appearance at Rugby, was fast off the mark though his passing could be improved.

Ship's Best.

Surg. Lt. Kirkwood, despite a "gummy" leg, and Ldg. Sea. Smith were the pick of the Dorsetshire backs, while Cpl. Preece was very good at scrum-half.

The Dorsetshire opened the scoring late in the first half when Kirkwood went over wide of the posts for an unconverted try, and Smith added the second late in the second half, this also being unconverted.

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DUNBAR & DYNASTY CHALLENGES

HEM STRING SHOULD DO WELL UNDER MR. NEEDA

DAWN STAR CHINESE HOPE

(From The Valley)

FOR the past week now all the griffins have been given fast work to do in preparation for the Annual Race Meeting which opens on Saturday week.

The grass track is in perfect condition and, with a few exceptions, all the ponies have been tried out on this track. This year our Derby griffins are numerically less than before but, judging from the morning gallops, several of the newcomers possess that quality which serves to maintain the high standard of local racing.

Notwithstanding all the formidable strings possessed by Chinese owners at different times, only Mr. Ho Kom Tong's President Hall, with Mr. Encarnacao up, has succeeded in winning the much-coveted honour. Incidentally, Mr. Encarnacao is here again and will be riding for Mr. Eu Tung Sen, and I feel sure that all racing enthusiasts will wish him the best of luck.

This year the Chinese will be again strongly represented in the Derby. There is Rosemary, Mr. Eu Tung Sen's candidate, which is said to be capable of great things. She is a nice looking chestnut mare, the only thing not in her favour being that she is only five, and it is a notorious fact that young ponies are extremely delicate things and are all too susceptible to injury if worked too hard.

It has already been reported that everything has not gone serenely with Rosemary and, judging by her last gallop over 1½ miles (412.120.2.000.2.360.3.10.0, last quarter 34), I cannot say that she likes her work on the grass track. Still, with more practice on the grass course, I dare say that she will turn out to be one of the most dangerous contestants in the big race. Another candidate from the same stable is Donovan, a small chestnut stallion.

Messrs. Kong Broa will be represented this year by a formidable string of ponies, including Dawn Star, Old Star and Gay Star. The first named is a good looking grey mare and is the daughter of Wild Life, who, it will be remembered,

MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON

Taikoo Well Beaten By Kowloon Tong

Taikoo Recreation Club were

outplayed by 6 games to 3 by the Kowloon Tong Club in their

postponed Mixed Doubles Badminton League fixture at Kowloon Tong last night.

TO-MORROW

Yan Charn Pong v E. A. dos Re

medios at Kowloon C. C.

Score:—

P. C. Leung and Mrs. G. A. White (Kowloon Tong)

beat Ng and Yong 21-12

beat Tan and Chung 21-3

beat Soon and Pye 21-15

L. A. Carvalho and A. Silva (Recreio "A")

beat Ng and Yong 21-7

beat Tan and Chung 21-14

lost to Soon and Pye 13-21

C.R.C.'s Easy Win

At Causeway Bay last night, the Chinese C. C. beat the St. John's Club by 7 games to 2.

W. C. Choy and H. W. Ho (C.R.C.)

beat J. Bennett and L. V. Catt 21-5

beat F. H. Kwok and David

Kwok 21-19

beat Roland Koh and Norman

Smith 21-2

S. P. Chan and H. T. Woo (C.R.C.)

beat Bennett and Catt 21-3

beat Kwok and Kwok 21-4

beat Koh and Smith 21-2

S. W. Liang and C. Y. Yung (C.R.C.)

beat Bennett and Catt 21-5

lost to Kwok and Kwok 18-21

Fire Brigade Defeated

At the St. Andrew's Church Hall

last night, the St. Andrew's "A" team

defeated the Fire Brigade Recreation

club by 7 sets to 2.

F. P. Fischer and H. Kew (St.

Andrew's "A")

beat J. L. Anderson and W.

Stokes 21-3

beat A. L. Fisher and G.

Fowler 21-18

beat L. Skinner and E. Green-

wood 21-0

A. P. Guest and P. A. Broad-

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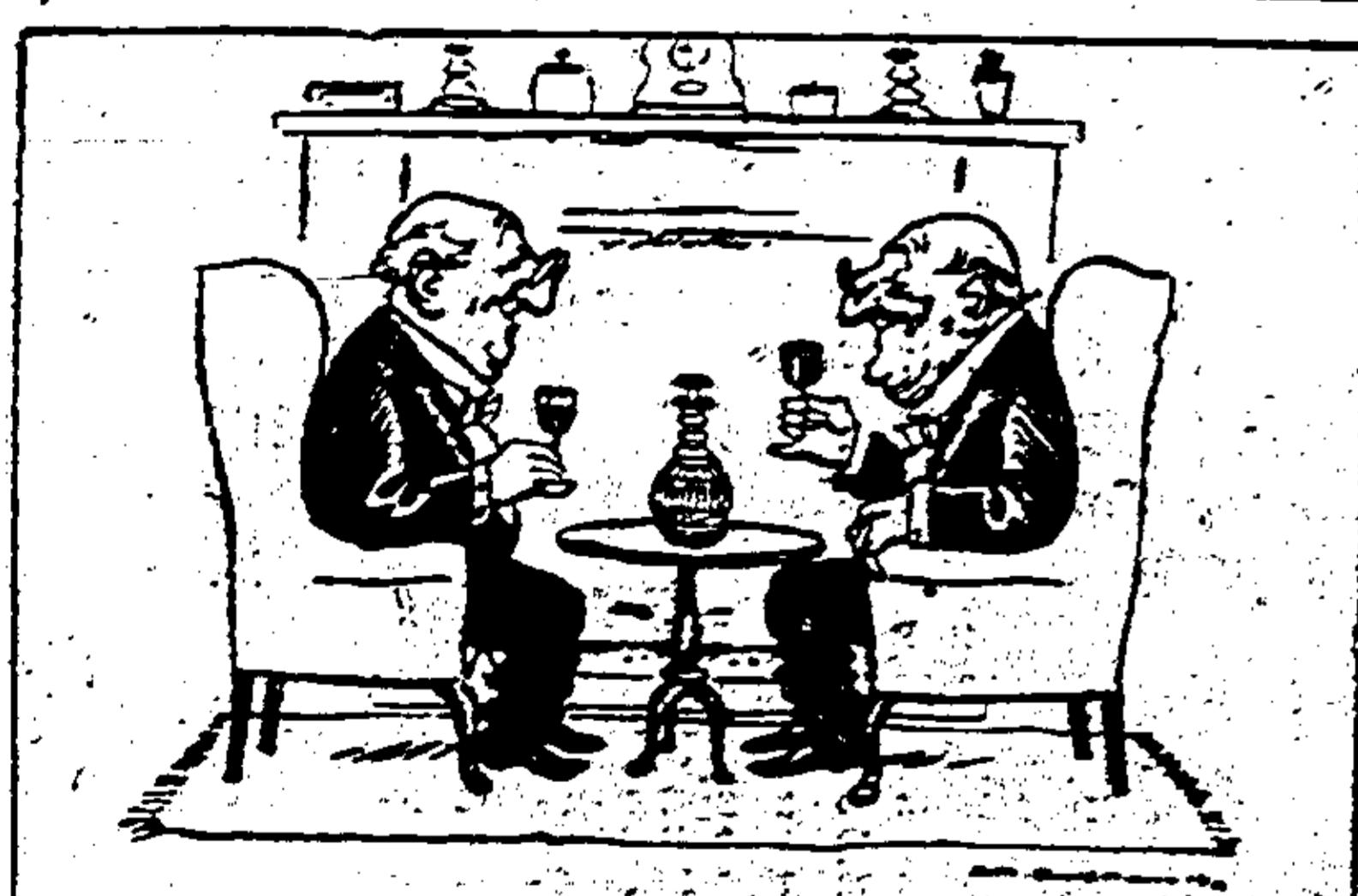
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BIRTH CONTROL

The visit next week of Miss Margaret Sanger (Mrs. J. N. H. Sibley) and the announcement that she will give a public lecture on "Birth Control" suggests a survey of the present position of this important question. At any rate we may congratulate ourselves that it is one of the many subjects that are now capable of open discussion in place of the frigid reserve which used to be considered the proper attitude even when there was no rigorous suppression. The modern man and still more the modern woman, insists on the right to be informed about any question that intimately concerns health and happiness, and it would be difficult to find one that is of deeper concern than the decision as to how many children they are to be responsible for, with due regard both to their own right and to the children's right to a satisfactory life. Our visitor belongs to the early pioneer generation when the contest was not only with argumentative opponents but with the arm of the law in at least some of the States, as it had been in England in the campaign of Charles Bradlaugh and Mrs. Annie Besant, who subsequently changed her opinion.

The view that the controversy is one that must be left for final conclusion to the individual conscience is probably triumphant in most countries, but it is not yet clear which of the arguments pro and con will carry most weight in the future. It is not for a moment to be supposed that so fundamental a point of morality will be discussed or considered by arguments suggested by the public interest. We do not live for the State; we create States and Governments for the purpose of securing the requisite conditions of a good life, as Aristotle told the world long ago. There is no such control possible if a man or woman feels bound to let nature take its course, and there the matter ends for him or her.

Most of the present discussions do not concern themselves with abstract generalisations or authoritative rules, but with the standard of living. The competition for work and wages is keener than ever, and a large family is a big handicap in the struggle to pay rent for a good house, to secure an adequate education for the children, and to put something away for a rainy day. It is here that one of the first paradoxes of experience reveals itself, for foresight and providence are most noticeable in those who are above the "want line." They are the effect of hope for a higher standard, or at least the maintenance of a standard that has become habitual. If the claims become too pressing and such hope is lost there is a general decline of efficiency which adds to difficulties and leads to despair and failure. On the other hand some people who are naturally good managers do succeed in fighting through, and it is notorious that a large family has many educational advantages for its members. The unknown quantity of character cannot be left out.

As in other social controversies, it is difficult not to refer to Mussolini, because he pushes his theories to their logical conclusion. The totalitarian State claims that the citizen

EXPLANATION OF
YESTERDAY'S
CARTOON

FATHER OF 72

JACOB Hunter's record, which ranks him with the Great Fathers of his State, still lives in the oral traditions of his descendants. The old patriarch, who attained to the age of 5 score and 6, was married 5 times and was the father of 72 children. To the last, he preserved a full set of teeth, and was a picture of rugged health. The respective ages of his children were so widely spread that some of the brothers were strangers to one another. It was impossible to gauge the number of Hunter's descendants surviving to the present day, but they are undoubtedly very numerous.

RED REMNANTS
IN HOPEIHEAVILY DEFEATED BY
OFFICIAL TROOPS

Peiping, To-day.—It has been confirmed here that the bandit remnants under Liu Kwei-tang were heavily defeated and retreated to a point called Shaho-chiao near Chinghien, close to the Hopei-Shantung border, under the hot pursuit of the Central troops. Liu himself fled to Tientsin, the report stated.

Among the many captured was a bogus commander of the marauders, who victimised the militia of Chinghien during a round-up on Tuesday.—Central News Agency.

HITLER'S CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE POPE

Berlin, To-day.—Chancellor Hitler has telegraphed to the Pope his heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of the Holy Father's accession—Trans-Ocean Service.

belongs entirely to his community, and that it is his duty to have as many children as possible so that his nation may be strong in competition with other nations. Hence the mass marriages, the letters of congratulation to mothers of many children, the prizes and grants of money. Even in Canada there is a competition going on with a munificent prize for the mother who has most children within certain dates. The horrible vulgarity of the thing is only one aspect. Even if the first prize should be big enough to pay for the upbringing of the children born, what about the other competitors? Have the parents considered the proportion between a prize and the long-continued cost of any worthy start in life? The cost in health to the mother? Are they likely to be the best type of parents?

We do not know enough yet to lay down any safe principles of eugenics. Galton and other writers opened up a new vista for science, but the research on the question, if really careful, has been disappointing. The world owes an incalculable debt to its geniuses and its heroes, but they are exceptional men, and study of their pedigrees does not reveal any rule of thumb for their multiplication. The hero is a man of exceptionally well-balanced brain, the genius is usually one-sided in a useful way, but often a little more specialised development means only that he is a danger or nuisance.

Certainly the economic test is useless to the eugenist. One of the arguments drawn from the greater care of the well-to-do is that birth control means only that the new generation is recruited only from the less desirable elements of the population. If our remuneration in cash was ideally just in giving most money to the most honest and generous that might be a true line of deduction, but nobody would maintain so preposterous a statement with anything like our present arrangements. It might even be reversed. Some people think that the faculty of making money shown by professors is an indication of predatory temperament that should be classed as dyadic and not eugenic.

There is no indication yet of anything like unanimity on any branch of the subject.

HERE
THERE
and
EVERWHEREECCENTRIC LUNCHEON
SPEECH

Such was the caption Lord Dunsany suggested might be used for his speech at Grosvenor House last month.

His subject was "The Ruin of the English Language," and his main attack was delivered on the adjectival use of nouns.

He pointed out that no one could tell from this misuse of words whether the eccentricity applied to the lunch or the speaker.

When Miss Marguerite Steen began her speech by talking of "fiction writers," Lord Dunsany bore it with fortitude. But one could detect a faint smile on the face of his neighbour, Lord Berners.

DUTCH SCOT

The forthcoming marriage of Lord Reay to Miss Charlotte Mary Younger, of Melrose, will add still further to the Scottish associations of a young peer who is by birth and education a Dutchman.

Lord Reay is, in fact, a peer both of Scotland and of the Netherlands, and the history of his family provides one of the most remarkable chapters in the story of the Scot abroad.

His ancestor, General Aeneas Mackay, commanded a Scots Brigade in the service of the Netherlands in the seventeenth century, and settled in Holland. His descendants assumed Dutch nationality, and eventually became members of the Dutch peerage as Barons Mackay.

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Let no one say, and say it to your shame,

That all was beauty here—until you came!

THREE

There are enthusiastic airmen

who consider that the functions of the Army will henceforth be limited to guarding aerodromes, just as there are soldiers who believe that the air forces of two belligerents will have fought each other to a standstill in the first fortnight of a campaign, and the war will be continued by armies as before.

A good deal of clear thinking is obviously necessary before the

DEFENCE FORCES IN
BRITAINCO-ORDINATION PLEA
EXAMINEDMINISTRY REQUIRED TO PLAN IN
THREE ELEMENTS AT ONCE

(By Maj.-General A. C. Templer)

THE recent promise of the Prime Minister that there shall be a debate on defence as a whole before the Service Estimates are introduced will, at least, secure a further discussion in the House of Commons upon this very important matter.

It was unfortunate that last year when a similar opportunity presented itself all the available time was taken up in discussing the expansion of the Air Force.

To bring the whole question under consideration would be particularly suitable at the present time, since the Government has put the issue of filling up the gaps in our defence prominently before the country at the General Election.

The recent concentration of strength in the Eastern Mediterranean has been an object-lesson to those most concerned of how even minor gaps tend to delay administrative machinery at a time when smooth running is particularly desirable.

DOWN TO FUNDAMENTALS

We have to get down to fundamentals and examine de novo what is the function of each of the three Services and how they can best be used in co-operation.

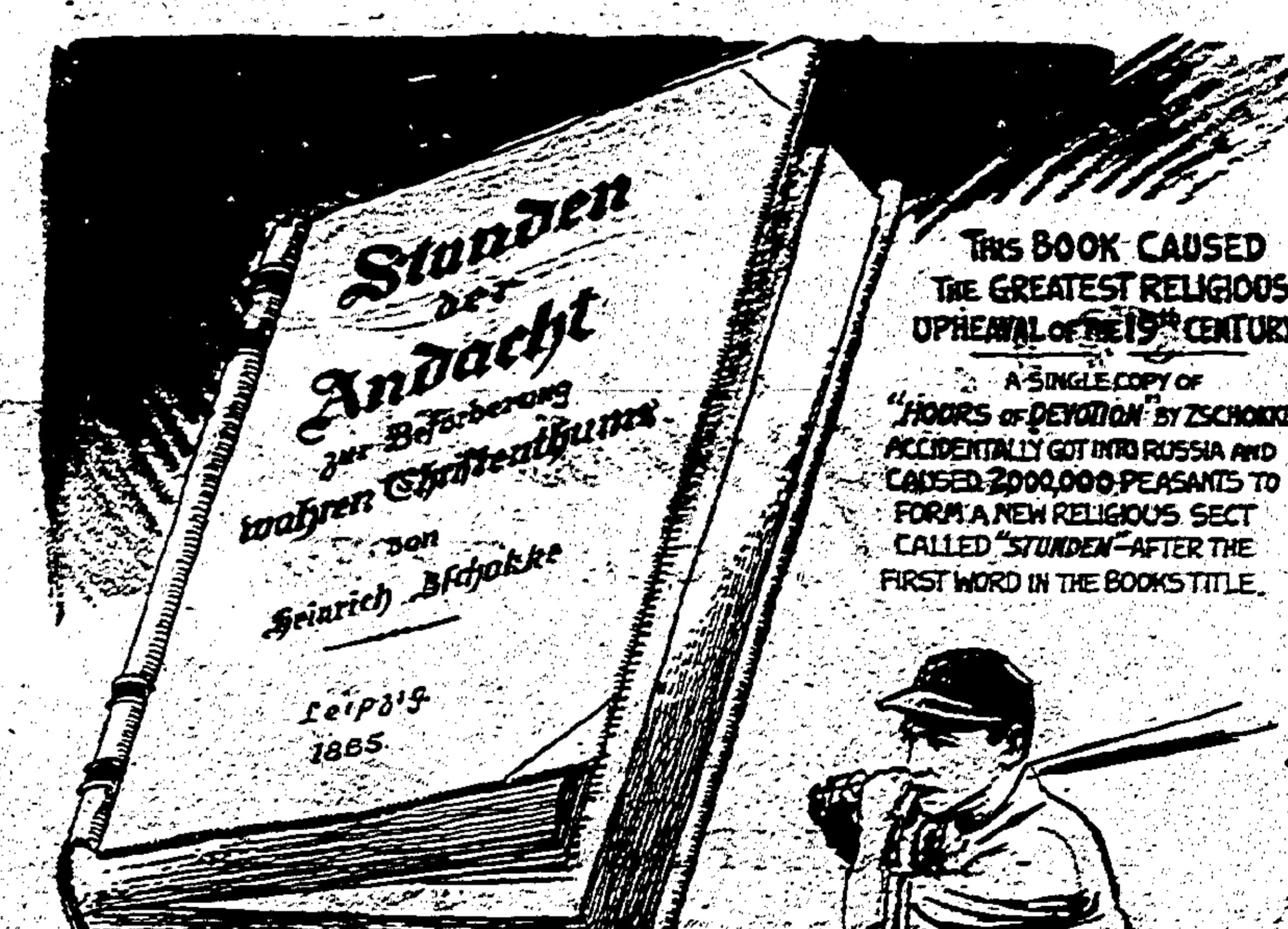
There is an even more urgent need for this examination in view of the increased expenditure which is now in process of being sanctioned. One would have thought that an enquiry should first of all have been conducted into the employment of the three Services as a whole before fresh expenditure was authorised on what each particular Service conceives itself to need. Yet such an enquiry is hardly likely, since efficient machinery for the task would be difficult to improvise.

The Committee of Imperial Defence has done much valuable work, and its secretariat, headed by that great public servant, Sir Maurice Hankey, is most competent. But its limitations become obvious when it is remembered that its members are chiefly departmental Ministers, all of whom have full-time jobs of their own. It is quite inadequate for the lengthy and continuous study of large-scale problems.

To remedy this there have been many advocates of a Ministry of Defence. This has always been opposed by successive Governments as being unworkable from a Parliamentary and constitutional point of view. It is easy to find other arguments to knock down this particular alinement.

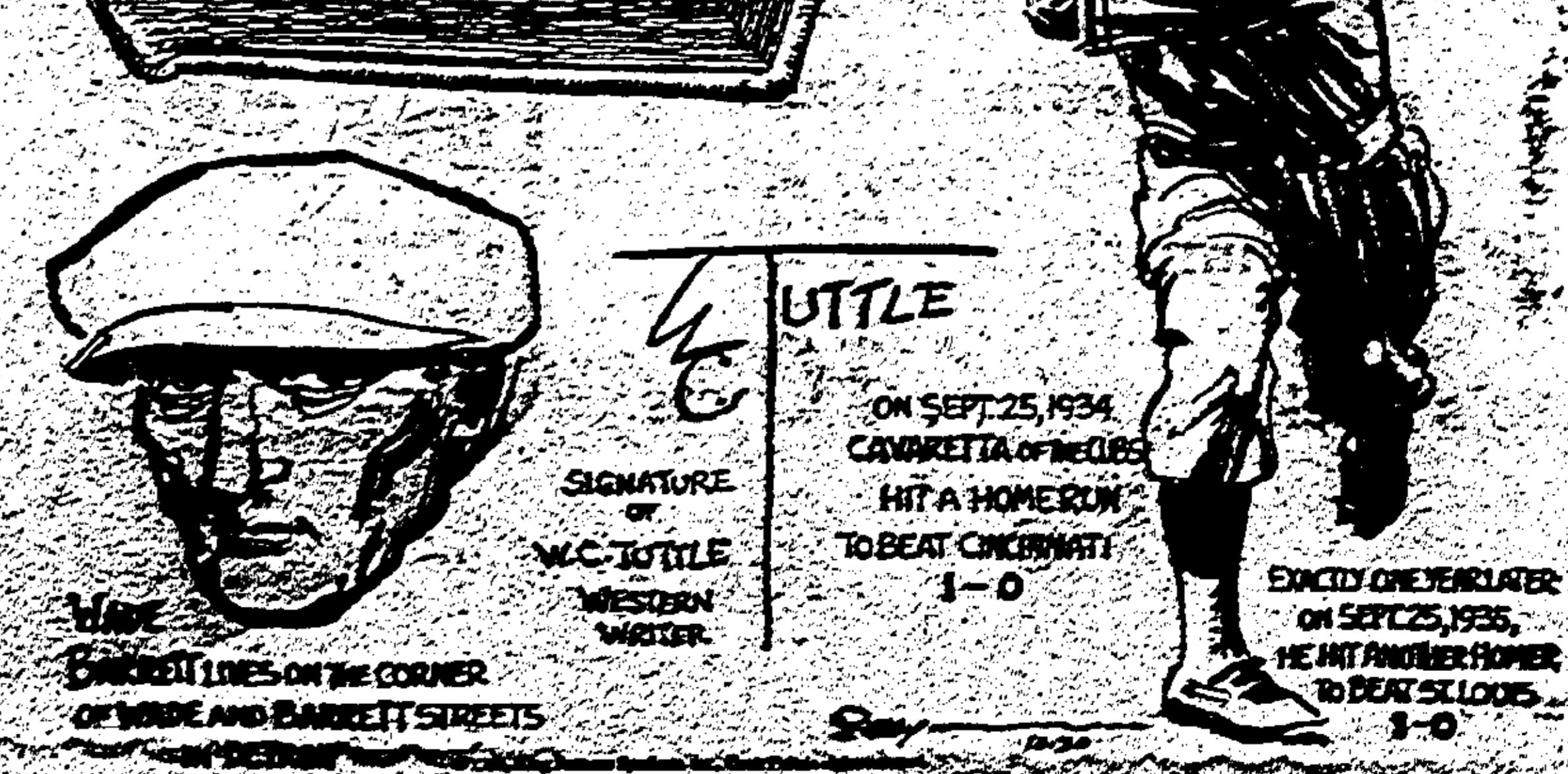
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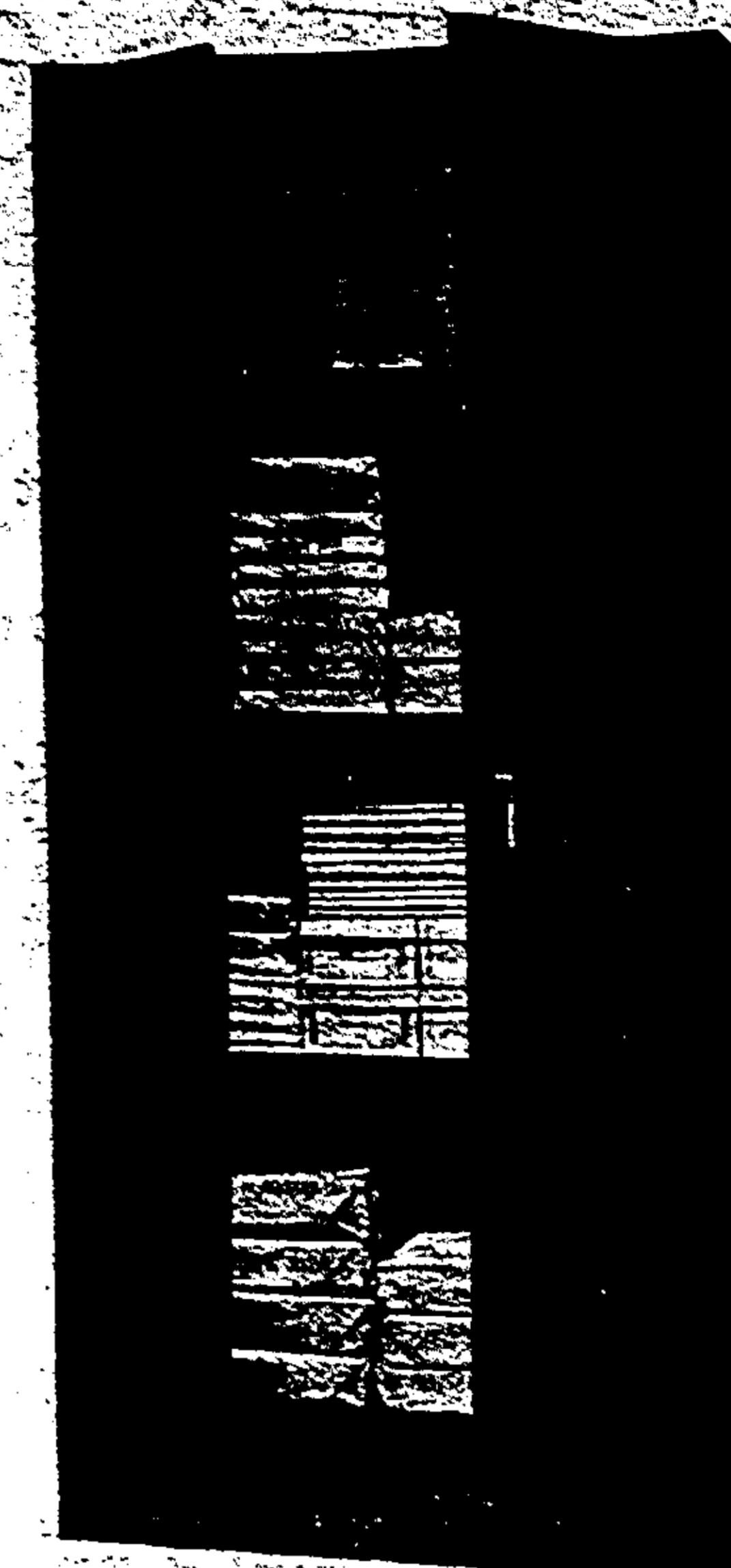


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PEPPER CASE TRIAL

Liabilities Of Over £1,000,000

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT'S EVIDENCE

London, To-day.

Losses in the neighbourhood of £1,000,000 were mentioned at the Old Bailey when the Chartered Accountant, Mr. Duncan McKellar, gave evidence for the prosecution in the pepper case.

He stated that the total pepper and shellac commitments at September 3, 1934, were £1,400,000. Of the total subscription of £412,500 to James Shakespeare and Co. as a result of the issue of the prospectus, £203,000 had been used to buy shellac. That payment was actually made before the proceeds of the issue were received, by means of a loan from the Midland Bank.

James Shakespeare and Co.'s liabilities to the date of liquidation were £75,000, and the assets were estimated to realise £235,000. In addition the whole share capital of £425,000 was lost. These figures were based on the directors' estimates, but the position was working out very much worse.

It was the pepper position that brought them down. With forward pepper commitments of £1,000,000, the estimated profit would have been £75,000 if the market price had held, as when the contracts were made. The witness agreed that Bishirian paid £90,000 out of his own pocket in respect of the pepper liabilities. — Reuter.

MURDER AT DAVOS

Hitler's Funeral Ovation

PURE RECORD OF NAZI PARTY IN GERMANY

CHINA MAIL SPECIAL
Schweinfurt, To-day.

The funeral of the murdered National-Socialist party leader of Switzerland, Herr Wilhelm Gustloff, took place here on Tuesday, the ceremony being attended by Herr Hitler, several members of the Cabinet, representatives of the defence forces and 3,000 party members.

After the funeral oration by the leader of the foreign organisation of the Party Herr Hitler mounted the steps.

"Since 1918 all those that have stood up for their country, out of pure love for Germany, have been constantly menaced, menaced by the ghastly secret of international power," he said.

The instigators of the murders were in every case members of this same power, which was responsible for the murders of many National-Socialists.

"Never has the National-Socialist movement employed the weapon of terror, and not one murdered opponent mars its record. In Herr Gustloff's case the planner of the murder was for the first time also its perpetrator. It is not Germany that is being harmed by this, but the power behind it, for which it is committed."

"The German nation has lost one of its number in the year 1936, but thereby gained one immortal for the future." — Trans-Ocean Service.

(Earlier cables on Page 3)

BRITISH TRADE FIGURES

Returns Issued By Ministry

London, To-day. The preliminary returns of the British overseas trade in January, issued by the Board of Trade, show that imports totalled £70,024,000, against £74,481,000 in December; £51,916,000 in January, 1935, and a monthly average for 1935 of £62,078,000.

Exports totalled £34,480,000, against £34,017,000 in December; £25,481,000 in January, 1935, and a monthly average of £35,493,000.

Re-exports totalled £5,320,000, against £5,482,000 in January, 1935, and £4,605,000 respectively. — British Wireless Service.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH MAGAZINE

February Number Of "St. John's Review"

ACTIVITIES OF PAST YEAR

The February number of the "St. John's Review," the parish magazine of St. John's Cathedral, which has just been issued, contains, as usual, much that will be of interest to parishioners.

The address of the Chaplain in Charge at the annual meeting is reproduced in full, in which sympathetic reference is specially made to the loss sustained by the community in the departure of Dean Alfred Swann, and to the splendid work performed by the Cathedral Women's Guild under the leadership of Lady Pollock. Other subjects include the production of John Masefield's Passion Play. "Good Friday," the Silver Jubilee of King George V, the dedication of the Canterbury Cross and, lastly, the Memorial Service for the late King.

An interesting comparison of the two productions of "Lady Precious Stream" in London at the National Theatre and in Hong Kong by the students of the Hong Kong University, is contributed by R.P. and Lucy A. Lock. Provides a brightly-written article, illustrated with photographs, entitled "Glimpses of Manila."

H.K. BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT ISSUED

CONTINUED NEED FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society will be held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, on February 20 at 5.15 p.m. Sir William Hornell, C. I. E., has kindly consented to take the chair.

The report of the Society for 1935, just issued, recounts several instances in which deserving cases have been helped by the Society. Last year was a very busy one, the report shows that the expenses under each heading have appreciably increased each year since 1932.

The income of the Society during 1935 exceeded that of the former year by over £4,000. However, a large part of this money was derived from non-recurrent sources, and an appeal is made to the general public to continue its generous support of the work the Society is doing.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

A dance is being held by the Australian and New Zealand Association to-morrow evening, commencing at 9.15, in the Association's rooms, Gloucester Building.

Mr. G. Duncan, M.B.E., of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., with Mrs. Duncan, left the Colony, on retirement, by the s.s. Patroclus yesterday.

There is to be a bridge and mah jongg drive at the Cheero Club on Thursday, February 27, inst., beginning at 8.30 p.m.; admission 50 cts. each, which includes light refreshments.

Mr. A. E. Herdman, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, accountant at Holt's Wharf, was among the passengers leaving for England yesterday by the s.s. Patroclus, accompanied by Mrs. Herdman and their four children.

The fourth annual prize distribution of the Chung Nan College is to be held at the King's Theatre at 10 a.m. on Sunday next. Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, M.Sc., Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Hong Kong University, has kindly consented to distribute the prizes.

Dr. D. J. Valentine, M.C., M.B., B.S. (Lond.), D.T.M. & H. (Eng.), J.P., will deliver a course of lectures (for women) on First Aid, beginning to-morrow at the St. John Ambulance Headquarters at 8.30 p.m. It is emphasised that these classes will be confirmed only if the attendance is regular and there are a sufficient number of candidates to warrant the effort.

On Monday next the Ladies Committee of the Cheero Club are holding a dance at the China Fleet Club, commencing at 8.30 p.m. All Servicemen are welcome; admission 50 cts. each, which includes light refreshments; ladies by invitation only.

To-day's Short Story

The Uncooked Goose

By H. A. Manhood

I WAS employed in painting signposts at the time. I dare say you know the routine. Most of the time is spent in cycling from one to the other with a short ladder over one's shoulder and some pots of paint in a carrier in front. A quick lick over with white paint and you return the next day to pick out the lettering. Not exactly exciting, for I was 21, hearty enough to burst a tumbler with a laugh and with a great hairy fist that looked like a French poodle once the paint brush was stuck in it. I certainly hated that ladder—it was like travelling around with the skeleton of your worst enemy—but between us we made that bit of countryside fairly tingle with directions so that you'd have thought that all men were become friends and eager for your company.

I told the negro, but he shook his head. "No time for the splits, son. There's a gaff at Gordonton to-day and Ah'm on 'm way." He looked me over and it was like being robbed and tickled at the same time: "How'd you like to drive for me regular, ten bob a day and five bob extra every time we make a stand? There's the lark and moonkin." He spread a hand towards the lorry: "Dragon's Juice Ointment: The Unfailing Panacea. Professor Mambuka, Specialist and Necromancer Extraordinary." The signpost broke like celery all right and, although I looked like a saint with white paint all over me, I didn't feel like one as I hopped across to crack a nut or two.

But when I reached the lorry the job was done. An angry negro was hammering the driver with a bit of the signpost, not the thinnest bit either, and the driver was already wrapped in hymns.

FRENCH PACT WITH SOVIET
(Continued from Page 1)

BRITAIN'S ASSURANCES

London: In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, was asked if he would give an assurance that the provisions of Locarno requiring that Great Britain should immediately come to the help of France or Germany in the event of a flagrant breach by either of Article XLII or XLIII of the Treaty of Versailles concerning the demilitarised zone, would be rigidly adhered to as long as the treaty remained in operation, and had not been abrogated by general consent of the parties.

Mr. Eden replied: "The obligations of His Majesty's Government are specified in the Treaty of Locarno itself. His Majesty's Government stands by those obligations, and, as has been previously stated in this House, intend, should the need arise, faithfully to fulfil them." — British Wireless Service.

It worked well to begin with, too. We hoped from one fair-ground to another like a wasp after jam, selling this Dragon's Juice Ointment at half a crown a pot and doing good business, too. The Professor slept in the jam-jar, as he called the lorry, and I camped out under a side canvas. He was just a quack, but he certainly had style and considerable nerve.

After a week's grafting we stopped out on a bit of open country to renew stock. I'd been curious about this famous Dragon's Juice from Nicobar till then. The Professor had bought several gross of little black pots and half a hundredweight of lard.

He simply melted the lard down in an old bucket, stirred a drop of almond oil, some turpentine and a dash of sulphur into it, and poured it into the pots. It ratted me quite a bit to see what a fraud it was. I even said something about it, but the Professor had a line of talk all ready.

The ointment, he argued, was purely a guide for faith: "faith went with its application and through faith anything could be cured." He said the entire medical profession worked on the same principle.

"Do you know what goes into your medicine? No, of course not but you drink it and believe it's what you need and you're cured. Just the same with my ointment."

I swallowed it at the time, but I couldn't help thinking about it afterwards. The Professor seemed a mild enough fellow apart from this business line of his, easy-going as a rubber ball. He fed himself well and me, too, but every time I ate, after a while, I couldn't help thinking where the brass had come from.

He was superstitious, too, and careful with his funds. I used to wonder why two of his suitcases were so strongly made and heavy. I found out why one day when he was sleeping off half a bottle of brandy. One of them at least was damn near full of half-crowns. I guessed that he misappropriated bank and paper money.

He used to trip a lot of times and explain it away by saying that the moon was in a bad quarter for him.

He was half-drunk with brandy when we ran out of stock once more and he told me to go get

"An experienced driver—yes, suh! That's what he told me," the negro swore. "All he wanted was a couple of bats to clear his jetty and he'd be proud to drive for Professor Mambuka—yes, suh! the damned gumpuh!"

I didn't stop to listen to the rest. I started the lorry and backed it ready to run down to the police station. Then I slung the bits of my bicycle aboard and made room for the unconscious driver. "Hey, boy, what's the pro-

TU-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "A Broadcast Talk," by S. P. B. Mais.

BANKRUPTCY COURT

Partners Fail To Agree

DISSOLUTION SOUGHT

At the Bankruptcy Court this morning, before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Lindsell, a winding up petition was brought by Odharmal Girharimal against Messrs. O. K. Gidunull and Watnumill, Ltd., the petitioner being represented by Mr. Edson Potter, B.C., and Mr. Leo D'Almada, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, while Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, was for the opposing parties.

Addressing the Court Mr. Sheldon said that he raised the objection that the petition could not be heard on the ground that the petitioner was \$10,000 in arrears on his share capital. He went on to say that he submitted that either the petition be not heard, or dismissed, or that it be held over until such time as the amount owing had been paid up.

After hearing the argument advanced by both sides, however, Mr. Justice Lindsell over-ruled the objection.

LEGAL POSITION STATED

Mr. Potter then said that according to law the Court should not deal with allegations or counter-allegations but should confine itself to the point as to whether the partnership could be carried on or not under the circumstances he was going to mention.

He went on to say that the partnership started in 1927 but shortly after that there were some disputes regarding the employment of assistants. An agreement was subsequently reached whereby it was agreed to remedy the irregularities and to establish branches in Canton and Shanghai. Eventually, however, the partners failed to work together in harmony and the petitioner decided to ask for a dissolution of the partnership.

The offer was a good one. I thought I glimpsed the helping hand of Providence. My father had lately married again and I didn't like his choice. No need to say good-bye even. I nodded and the Professor grinned and softened.

We left the driver and the bicycle and the ladder and paints all piled in a heap and made for Gordonton.

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The owners should take care that the agitation did not place them under any political flag, for that would lead to an armed movement. — Reuter.

MINISTERING LEAGUE

Flag Day Next Saturday

PUBLIC HELP ASKED

On Saturday next, the Ministering League is holding a Flag Day, and though flag-days are so numerous that most people are heartily tired of them, it is hoped most sincerely that everyone will be generous to this, one of Hong Kong's oldest and most deserving of charities.

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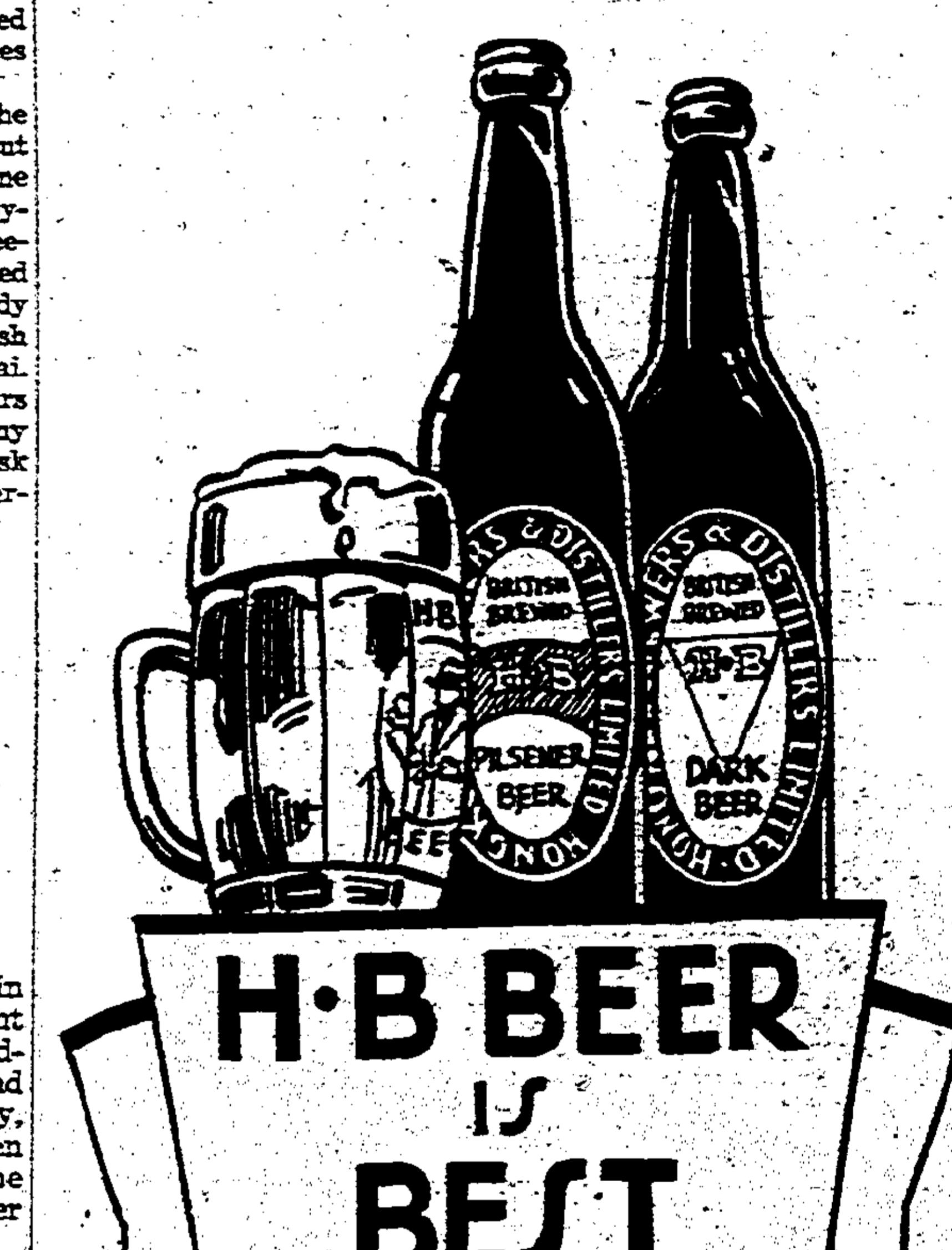
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DEFENCE FORCES IN BRITAIN

(Continued from Page 5)

Settling Pricky Problems

Such a Ministry, however, is only a piece of machinery which can be rejected if found unsatisfactory. The substance of the matter remains. The problem is the provision of better co-ordination in strategical planning and in constantly keeping under review the employment and constitution of the three Services in peace and war.

Ministerial speakers in the debates on a Ministry of Defence are always briefed by the permanent officials to enlarge upon the enormous virtues of the Chiefs of Staff Committee. It sounds very impressive, but its useful work is within a restricted field and would certainly break down in war. It is a dangerous fallacy to suppose that it is capable of the co-ordination that is required.

From the very nature of its constitution it must be made quite; its recommendations can frequently be nothing but compromises while the bigger and more prickly problems are tactfully shelved.

From One Angle

Whatever the loyalty and objectivity which each Chief of Staff may bring to the discussions, he is the head of one particular Service and looks at the problems from that angle. The Committee has, in fact, all the inherent weaknesses of a Council of War. Moreover, the Chiefs of Staff, like Ministers, have a whole-time job and cannot remain in permanent session.

What is wanted is continuity and concentration. Years of planning and sifting are required by a body composed of the best civil and military minds in the country presided over by a Minister who can give his whole time and energy to the supreme direction and control.

It has been argued that a Minister would create friction with the Service Ministers, and would also suffer from the vicissitudes common to all politicians. On the other hand, a private individual or Civil Servant would not have sufficient standing; direct contact with other Ministers within the Cabinet seems essential. The chairman must, above all, be a man with his physical and mental resources unimpaired for the heavy task which he will have to assume.

Other Requirements

But the appointment of a full-time chairman will not suffice. He must be provided with a miniature department of which the present small secretariat would be the nucleus. This can be recruited from the graduates of the Imperial Defence College, where the students, amongst whom Civil Servants are included, are continuously trained to think not in one but in three elements.

It was a far-sighted decision to establish this College, of which the public knows so little, for whenever the Government is in earnest about the creation of such a staff as is proposed it will find the material ready to its hand.

There is nothing revolutionary in these proposals. They do no more than seek to provide the Committee of Imperial Defence with a full-time chairman and a joint staff of adequate size and competence. Nor do they entail the disappearance of the Chiefs of Staff Committee. It has its proper function in the co-ordination of defence.

Proper Means

But, by its constitution, it is destined to perform the duties of a joint staff, and it is suggested that these functions might be transferred to a much enlarged secretariat, which would be the proper body for reviewing and advising the Committee of Imperial Defence on defence questions as a whole.

Most European countries have one, or possibly two, strategical problems to face. Ours is far more complicated. Our coasts are washed by seven seas, our land frontiers march with many States, great and small, civilised and uncivilised, all over the globe.

The task is tremendous. Many

Dunbar And Dynasty Challenges

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came second in the Derby this year, and Bear Claw, the last named is a magnificent looking pony of deep bay or brownish colour and measures nearly 142 hands. He had many good gallops to his credit until a minor ailment impeded serious training.

Thunder Bay is a beautiful roan gelding of no mean ability and he seldom goes out without returning a last quarter of 30s. Galloping together with Boot Bay, this pony finished 1½ miles in 2.57½ with a last quarter of 30.2 and previous to this he did a mile, together with Bear Claw, in 2.11, (last quarter 31).

Lee Candidates.

Mr. Li Lian Sang's candidates are Glorious View, Magnificent View, Forest View and Splendid View. The "View" stable came very near to winning the classic last year when Bright View came second to Hydroplane on a heavy and wet course.

Forest View, a chestnut mare of 14½, is a kept-over griffin, capable of doing a mile in 2.11.3 (34.5, 1.05.3, 1.37.2, 2.11.3), although her time for the Derby distance is 3.24.4 with a last quarter of 37 which, I admit, is not very impressive.

Her other gallops include one of 2.24.1 for the mile with a last quarter of 31.3. Forest View is undoubtedly better over short distances.

Glorious View went over 1½ miles in 3.22.4, (last quarter 33.4) with the last mile in 2.18.4, and after that she took 1.39 over three-quarters of a mile (last quarter 32.4) while Magnificent View took 3.30.2 for 1½ miles, last quarter 32.4, last 1½ miles 2.50.0, and later the same pony took 2.33.2 for three-quarters of a mile. This must have given the owner good cause for satisfaction and as Mr. Li Wong will be taking her out it will pay to keep your eyes on this pony.

King's Lead returned 2.15.1, last quarter 30.2 for the mile and has done the half-mile in 1.02, last quarter about 28.2. Both these ponies are very fit and they may be safely depended upon to register wins with Mr. "Peanut" Marshall up.

Potential Winner

Messrs. Harriman and Bradbury have three fine ponies to carry their colours—Royal Sceptre, Royal Consort, and Royal Highness. Royal Scot is a flea-bitten grey mare of 14 that looks more or less like Diana Bay, and there is a distinct possibility that she may turn out to be a Diana Bay II, for everybody is whispering that Mr. Harriman is going to steer her to victory in the Derby.

Last Sunday she went over a mile (together with Royal Consort) in 2.96, the respective quarters being 32.4, 31.1, 31.2 and 30.4. Up-to-date this is the best gallop for the new griffins, and, even when compared with the times recorded by some of the old ponies, it is very good.

Royal Highness's time for the mile—2.15.3, last quarter 31.3—is also very satisfactory and she should also register successes, but in minor races.

Hen Prospects Bright

The Sassoon stable boasts two prominent griffins in Honeydew Eve, a dun, and Royal Wedding Eve, a grey. Both of them went over 1½ miles in 2.88.4, last quarter 33. Both are looking exceptionally well, and under Mr. Deby's skilful management, coupled with the brilliant riding of Mr. V. V. Neels, the owners have good cause to look forward to a successful meeting.

Then we have Mr. Why's Silver Smith, a grey gelding which will be ridden by Mr. H. C. Pih. Silver Smith has shown consistent form and has covered a mile in 2.11.3, last quarter 33.4 and previous to this he covered 1½ miles in 3.03.2 with a last quarter of 31.2 which is an extremely encouraging performance for a new griffin.

Laughing Girl, a grey mare, will be ridden by Mr. N. Ditz, and her time for the mile, 2.18 (last quarter 30.4), gives the impression that she will need careful watching.

And so we come to the end of what promise to be the leading griffins of 1936. It is now only a matter of days before we shall see which is the best of the bunch, but come what may, racers may look forward with every confidence to another very successful meeting.

LOCAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

24 People Injured Last Week

Forty-two accidents involving injuries to 24 people were reported during the week ended February 10. Ten people were injured when walking on the roadway, and in a collision between vehicles, four when jumping on or off, or falling from a vehicle when in motion, two in collision between vehicles, in one case a collision between vehicles and a vehicle when a car ran off the road into the barrier.

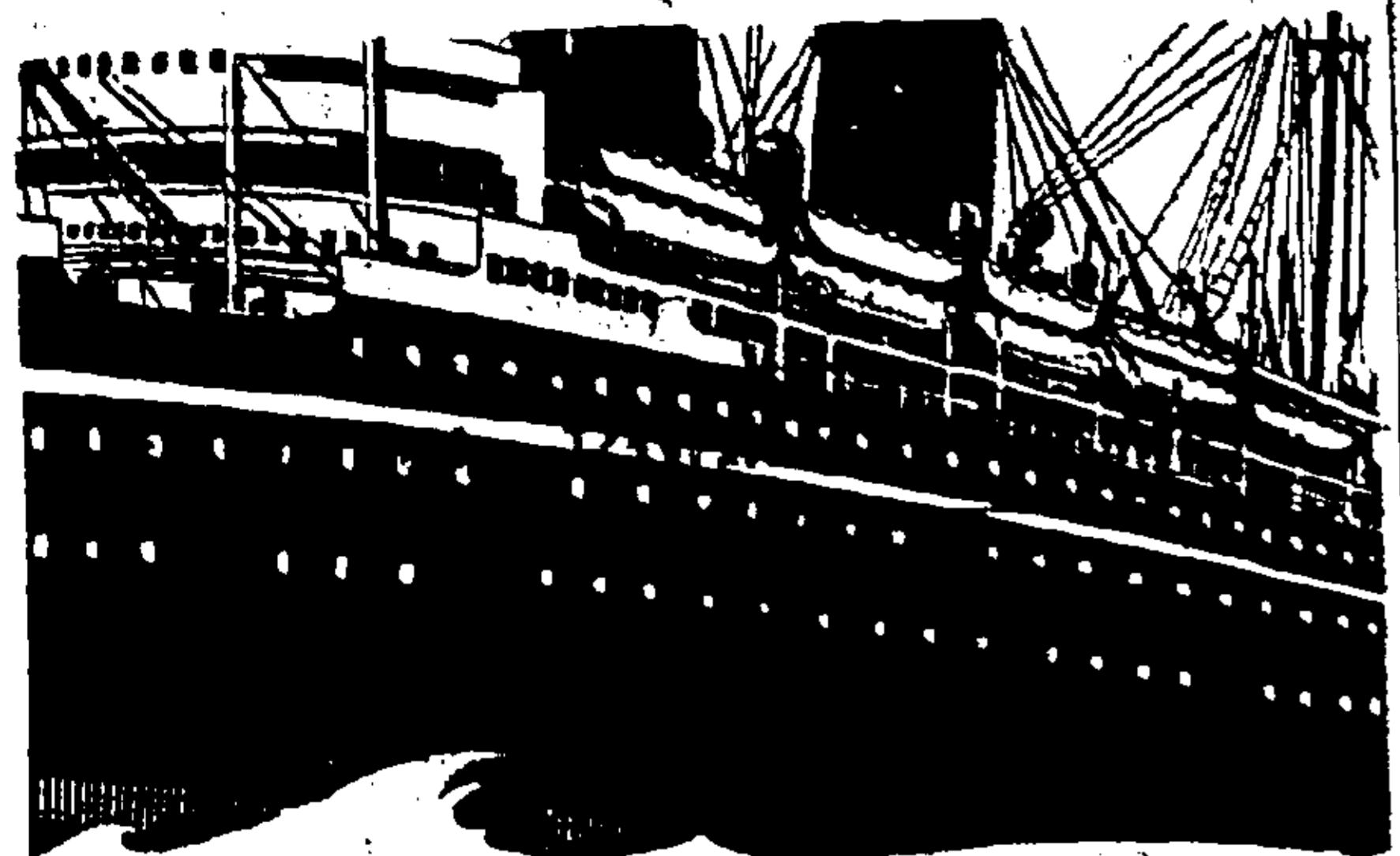
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CORFU	14,500	21st Mar.	Marseilles & London
SOMALI	7,000	28th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, R'dam & Hull
RANCHI	17,000	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
NALDEA	16,000	18th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
BANGALORE	6,000	25th Apr.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull
CARTHAGE	14,500	2nd May	Marseilles & London
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
BHUTAN	6,000	23rd May	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull
CHITRAL	15,000	30th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RAMPURA	17,000	13th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RAWALPINDI	17,000	27th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
CORFU	14,500	11th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RANCHI	17,000	25th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London
NALDEA	16,000	8th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
KAISER-I-HIND	11,000	22nd Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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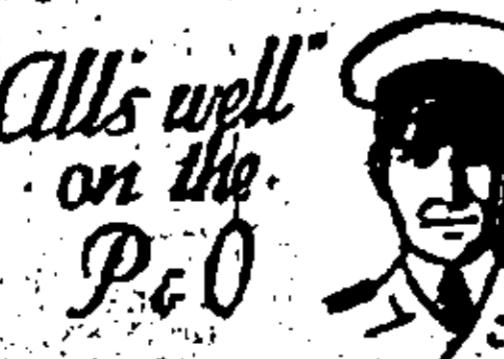
TANDA	7,000	6th Mar.	Manila, Rangoon, Brisbane, Sydney
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A buffet car will be placed on the local service of the Kowloon-Canton Railway on Saturday next, February 15.

The inaugural run will be made on the 12.35 p.m. Canton Express on that date, when it will be slipped at Fanling for Sheung Shui. It is intended to use this car as follows:

On Saturdays and Sundays, and on Wednesdays, provided sufficient support is forthcoming, it will be attached to the 12.35 p.m. express to Canton and will be slipped at Fanling for Sheung Shui.

On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, it will be attached to the 12.30 p.m. local train.

It will return to Kowloon every day on the 5.44 p.m. train from Shum Chun.

TEAMS FOR SATURDAY'S RUGBY TRIAL

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H. D. Bidwell, who was to a large extent responsible for Shanghai's victory over Hong Kong recently in the Interport series, is now in the Colony and will occupy the centre-three-quarter position in support of St. Clair Ford.

Euman Given Trial

Lt. Euman, of the Navy, who gave a very fine display for Scotland at full-back last Saturday, will be seen as centre-three-quarter in support of Lt. Fraser.

The following are the teams:—
Probables:—Fus. Preece (Army); Fus. Floyd (Army); Surg. Lt. Benson (Navy); Lt. R. R. Evans (Army); H. R. McGilchrist (Club); A. H. R. Butcher (Club) and Lt. Hamilton (Army); Lt. Robinson (Navy); W. E. Peers (Club); Lt. Lincoln (Army); A. F. Walkden (Club); Spr. Colligan (Army); Lt. Chapman (Navy); Fus. Morgan (Army) and Cpl. Harrison (Army).

Possibles:—P. C. Frost (Club); Lt. St. Clair Ford (Navy); H. D. Bidwell (Club); Lt. Euman (Navy); Lt. Fraser (Navy); R. M. (Navy); J. Hutchison (Club); Cpl. Preece; R. M. (Navy) and J. L. Bonnar (Club); S. P. O. Richards (Navy); G. S. Chambers (Club); Mne. Light (Navy); S. H. Garrod (Club); Lt. Harrison (Army); A. B. Evans (Navy); E. P. Humphreys (Club) and E. B. Gamble (Club).

M. D. W. MacKenzie will referee.

ARSENAL FAVOURED TO WIN CUP

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Sheffield still have "The Blades" in the competition, though they have had to fight twice to get through each round, eventually beating Burnley 2-1 and Preston 2-0. They should get the better of Leeds United, who knocked out Wolverhampton Wanderers 3-1 and Bury 3-2.

Leicester City have to travel to Middlesbrough and will probably be eliminated. The Borough knocked out Southampton 1-0 and Clapton Orient 3-0, while Leicester disposed of Brentford 1-0 and Watford 6-3.

Although Grimsby are well known Cup fighters they cannot view the visit of Manchester City with too much relish, for the City can play the most brilliant football of any club in England. They have knocked out redoubtable teams in Portsmouth 3-1 and Luton 2-1, while Grimsby have laid low Hartlepools 4-1 (after a draw) and Port Vale 4-0.

Barnsley's Bid

The Second Division have a real chance of one team being in the last eight in Barnsley, who are at home to Stoke City. The Yorkshire team beat Birmingham 2-0 at Birmingham after a 3-3 draw at Barnsley and then put paid to Tranmere 4-2. Stoke have accounted for Millwall 4-0 and Manchester United 2-0 after a draw.

Both the "Spurs" and Derby County will visit Bradford to meet giant-killers, but one fancies that both will be in the last eight.

Latest Prices At Tattersalls

A Tattersalls bookmaker is offering the following prices on the F.A. Cup competition:

11 to 1 Arsenal; Derby, Leeds and Manchester City.
12 to 1 Middlesbrough.
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The Enchantment of the South Seas

"Mutiny on the Bounty," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayor's tremendous sea drama, showing on Saturday at the King's and Alhambra Theatres, with Charles Laughton, Clark Gable and Franchot Tone.

The Uncooked Goose

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of all those grosses of yokes when they found the half-crowns in the supply. Thinking it over then, it didn't seem right at all for a black-cooked the Professor's goose all to be gypsying white folk the way he was. We whites, after all, I argued priggishly, were the salt of the earth. It was reasonable, again, and saw what I'd really done. For there he was, bold as brass, handing out a new, killing kind of talk with those same little buns. It wasn't until eighteen months later that I ran across Mambuka for a coloured rascal to be making black pots. He'd be deep, husky and was certainly wrong that I voice and a heaven-rolling eye that worked like oil and shoe-horns.

"Those among you who doubt the efficacy of this preparation and, through doubting, find that you are not healed—those I say, will find their half-crowns safe in the bottom of the pot. See!"

I thought it over and worked it out very neatly. While the Professor snored in the lorry I mixed the lard and filled the pots, grosses of them, and in the bottom of each pot I put a half-crown from the hoard in the suitcase. The half-crowns used up, I made up the weight with a few rocks and whistled a bit of glee.

When the Professor sobered up we got on the road again. He was pleased with the way I'd done and I offered me a swig out of his brandy bottle, but I told him the moon was all wrong for me. He picked up a pot seemingly at random and slammed it down and there, on the ground, among the shards and ointment, was a half-crown.

"Those who doubt and are not healed will be repaid. Can I say fairer? But if you are benefited you will not expect your money back, you will be more than satisfied to find your half-crown in the pot, knowing the gain in health. Magic? Maybe, maybe, but Ah'm forbidden to tell the secret. Remember that nowhere else can you buy this miraculous Dragon's Juice, for it is brewed secretly by my own people in Niebor. Finding no half-crown in your pot you will know infallibly that you have been benefited. No benefit and your money is there, waiting for you. Could anything be fairer? Come now, my friends."

It worked, of course. He was selling more than twice the number of pots that he had sold in the old days. He'd a girl working with him, handing round the pots. She tried to touch me for half-a-crown. She stared a bit and laughed when I whispered to her.

Professor Mambuka stared, too, to see her wasting time that way, and, seeing me, I'm damned if he didn't let out a hell of a great laugh and hurry across to shake my hand:

"Well, well, well!" he boomed. "Great idea, that of yours." He turned to the crowd: "This, my friends, is one cured by me. Look at him now—cured, I say, and not ungrateful. He will tell you that none of you will find your half-crowns in your pots, and why? Because you will all be cured as he was cured."

I couldn't help laughing at his nerve, at the neat way he'd spiked my gums. But it was a one-sided sort of laugh, for my trick had simply doubled his trade. He shook my hand again in apparent friendliness, and then, to cap it all, he whipped out a wallet and took out five brand-new one-pound notes, bawling again:

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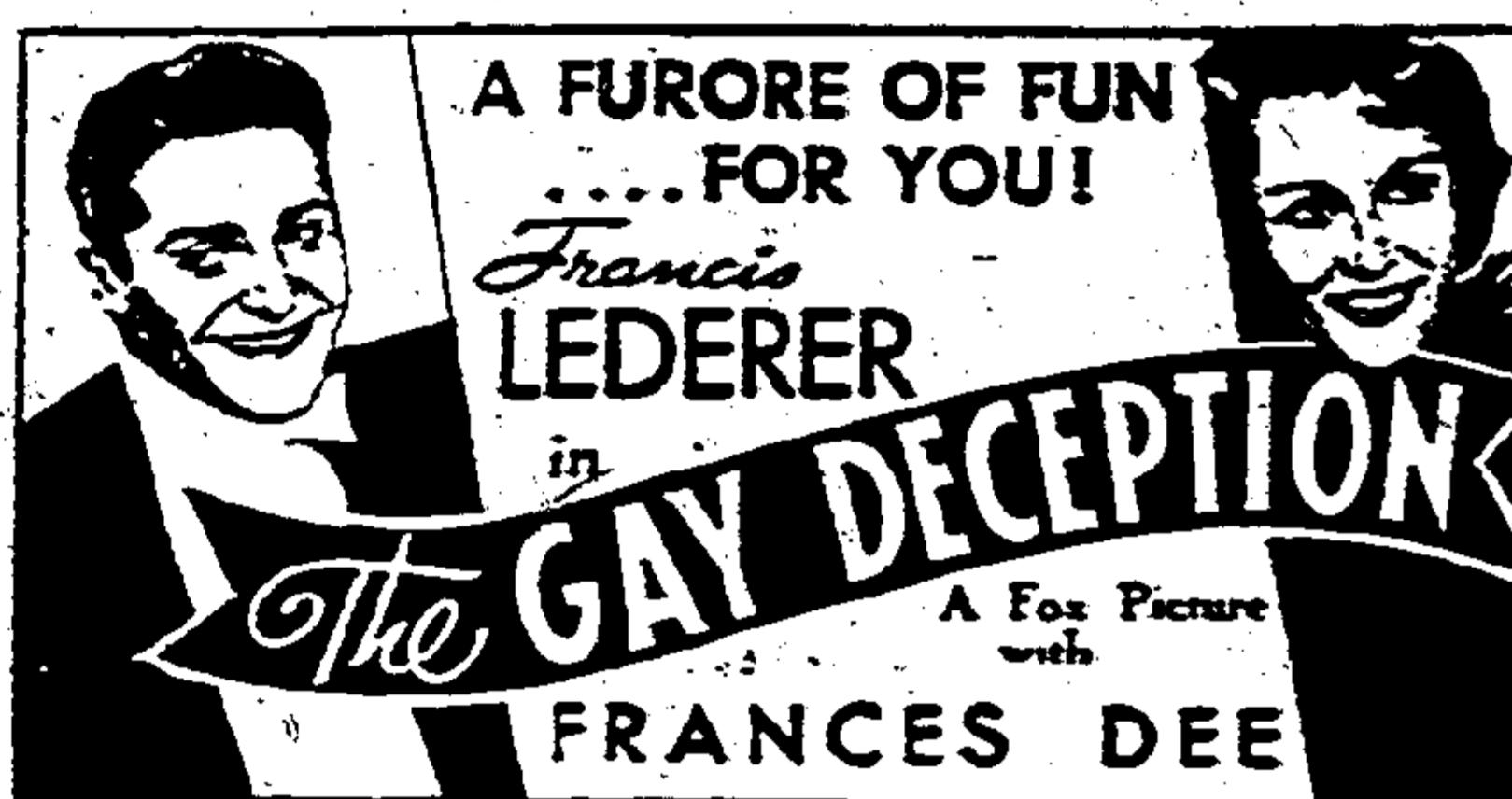
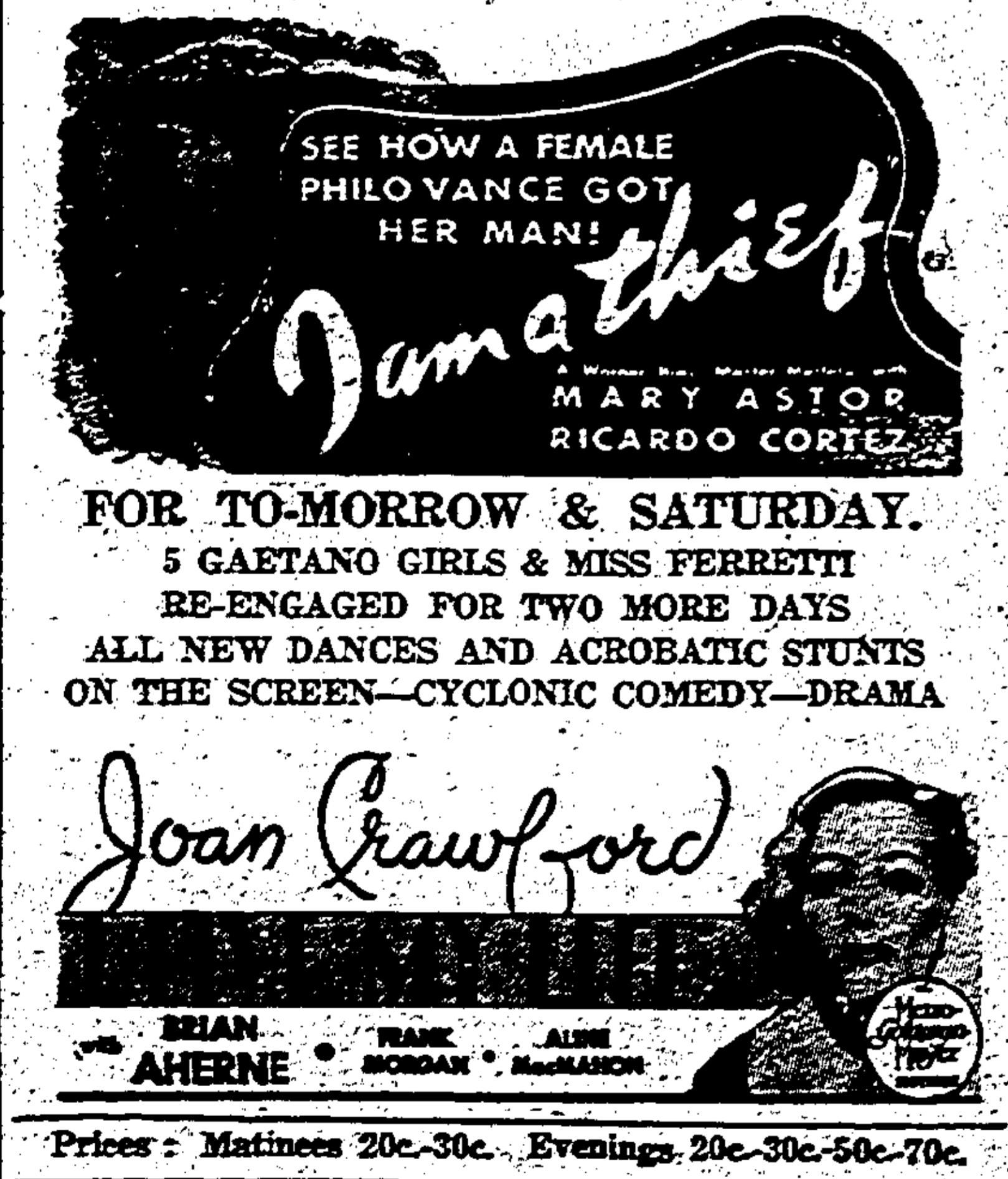


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EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

School-Leaving Age
In EnglandMOTION DEFEATED IN
COMMONS

London, To-day.

The subject of education is engaging the attention of the House of Commons for two consecutive days this week. To-day the Government's bill to raise the school-leaving age to 15 will be debated on the second reading, when the bill's provisions for exemptions where beneficial employment is available will come under criticism, which the newspapers anticipate may not be limited to the Opposition benches.

Last evening discussion took place on a private member's motion in favour of a State maintenance grant for children remaining an extra year at school when the compulsory age limit is raised from 14 to 15.

Relying to the debate the Minister of Education Mr. Oliver Stanley, said that the real reason why many would give their support to the resolution was not strictly educational. It was because there was in their minds the desire, if it were possible, to put a few more shillings a week into working-class homes. They were thinking really of the general question of poverty, and the means proposed in the resolution were the most unjust, illogical and anomalous by which to deal with that problem.

The motion was defeated by 199 to 140 votes. — British Wireless Service.

RIOTING IN
ZANZIBARQuestion In House
Of Commons

London, To-day.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, made a statement yesterday in the House of Commons during question-time on the recent rioting in Zanzibar, in which he expressed deep regret at the deaths of Mr. Rolleston and the Indian Police Inspector who were injured by the mob. Mr. Thomas said that the rioting broke out on the morning of February 7. The cause was still uncertain, but appeared to be some dispute which had arisen in connection with the inspection of copra and the strict enforcement of the regulations against adulteration.

On the information at present before him he saw no reason to attach any political significance to the regrettable incident. — British Wireless Service.

TREASURY BAN
WAIVEDBelgian Conversion
Operation

London, To-day.

The City is interested in the Treasury's decision to waive the ban on foreign lending in the case of the Conversion 7 per cent. Belgian stabilisation loan of which £7,500,000 is outstanding, into 4 per cent. bonds at 98 1/2. The underwriting is expected to be completed by the week-end.

It is pointed out, however, that the operation does not involve the export of capital, but only a reduction in the national income from abroad through the lower interest payments.

Despite the anticipated favourable balance of payments for 1935, the opinion is expressed that the Treasury is not yet willing to abandon its control over transactions involving the export of capital. — Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone remains stationary over China and the adjacent seas, and has decreased slightly in intensity. Pressure appears to be highest over the Lower Yangtze Valley. North-east winds, fresh, fine, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

DISTURBANCES
IN SYRIAArrest Of Leaders
OrderedSTUDENTS' DEMONSTRATION
PREVENTED

— CHINA MAIL “SPECIAL

Paris, To-day. As a result of the latest disturbances in Syria the French High Commissioner has ordered the immediate arrest of two Nationalist leaders, whom he accuses of being responsible for the clashes between the native population and the police.

In giving the reasons for this action the High Commissioner states that he will not tolerate notorious agitators causing bloodshed simply in furtherance of personal ambition.

The students, at Beirut attempted to hold a public demonstration, but were prevented from doing so by the police. Nearly all native shops are still closed. — Trans-Ocean Service.

CASUALTY FIGURES

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The announcement asserts that alone in the battle of the Tembien region between January 20 and 30, no less than 1,500 native soldiers and 5,123 native soldiers of the enemy forces were buried by special detachments, which the Abyssinian commander was compelled to detail for this purpose.

It is further asserted that 333 Eritrean Askaris went over to the Abyssinians in the course of the Tembien battle. — Trans-Ocean Service.

Italy Defends Her
ActionCOLONIAL EXPANSION MERELY
DESIRED IN ABYSSINIA

Rome, earlier. The statement by

the Paris *Temps*, that Italy has withdrawn from the concert of the conservative Powers and by virtue of her African undertaking has forfeited the claim to the playing leading role in Europe, meets with violent opposition in Italian political circles, where it is pointed out that Italy's desire to co-operate in the maintenance of European peace is evidenced by the following facts:—

(1) Italy abstained from raising the question of colonial mandates in its entirety, despite the fact that some European States appropriated to themselves new and valuable colonial possessions which by rights belong to the League of Nations.

(2) Italy pursues her aims at colonial expansion merely in Abyssinian territory, where she possesses legally acquired rights which have been recognised by France and Britain.

(3) Italy has, by the repeated declarations of Signor Mussolini, undertaken to restrict the conflict to the colonial sector so long as she is not provoked elsewhere.

ITALY EXCLUDED

In an obviously inspired article the *Giornale d'Italia* stresses that the Powers who consider themselves the trustees of European peace had on their part excluded Italy from their circle when they left her empty-handed in drawing up the peace treaty of Versailles.

The *Giornale* goes on to say: “It is very well for the great colonial Powers to brag about colonial peace when all their individual requirements are already fully satisfied. The alleged violation of the League Covenant by Italy is directly traceable to the violation of European justice of which France and England have been guilty, by liquidating the Great War at the expense of Italy, and which they are attempting to maintain by perpetuating the present allocation of the world's colonial possessions.” — Trans-Ocean Service.

Abyssinians Claim
Victory

ITALIAN POSITIONS RE-TAKEN

Addis Ababa: The first reports of victory in the Abyssinian offensive for the relief of Sidamo Province and the Gesto Valley, where the remnants of Ras Desta's defeated army were hard pressed, are now reaching the capital. An official communiqué announces that the Ocean Service

REFORM OF THE
LORDSFar-Reaching Motion
DefeatedLORD PONSONBY ON THE
“SACREDNESS” OF PEERS

London, To-day.

A motion by Lord Ponsonby, in favour of giving Peers the right to vote in elections for, and to offer themselves for election to, the House of Lords, was defeated in the House of Lords yesterday afternoon by 27 votes to 16. In proposing the motion Lord Ponsonby called attention to the privileges of the Peerage fallen into desuetude, and instanced the right of Barons to two, and of Marquesses to five, chaplains, for disuse of which he declined, amid laughter, to offer explanations.

At one time the person of a Peer was both sacred and inviolable. Lord Ponsonby commented that during the period that he had had the honour to be of Their Lordships' House he had not been given any demonstration of this sacredness of his person. He urged that no disability should be allowed to prevent Peers from giving their services, if they wished, to the House of Commons, in which they would be in closer touch with public affairs.

Lord Onslow, opposing, said that if Peers were allowed to become members of the House of Commons it would drain the life-blood of the House of Lords, to which it was the duty of Peers to give their services. The Lord Chancellor, for the Government, said it was not wise to attempt to deal with the problem of the reform of the House of Lords piecemeal. — British Wireless Service.

BUYING ORDERS
FROM U.S.LONDON RUBBER
MARKETINCREASING FIRMNESS
IN EVIDENCE

London, To-day. A feature of yesterday's dealing in Mincing Lane has been the steady flow of buying orders from New York, despite the United States holiday. This demand, coupled with the buying by the home trade and the Continent, resulted in increasing firmness as the day proceeded, with speculators increasingly interested.

Further interest was aroused by the fact that numerous American contracts now coming due have been fulfilled from London stocks, owing to the difficulty of obtaining profitable shipments from the East. Meanwhile the arbitrage business with the United States continues to be encouraged by the higher values ruling in New York. — Reuter.

Abyssinian troops at Ogaden, led personally by Ras Nasiba and the former Turkish General Wehib Pasha, re-took the Italian positions at Curati after a desperate struggle, in which both sides lost heavily.

Supplementary reports from Harrar state that the Italians built strong entrenchments between Harradigot and Curati, these two places, 2 1/2 miles apart, being extremely important because of wells, water-holes and springs.

The Abyssinian attack on this region came as a total surprise, the high scrub enabling the Abyssinians to creep up close unobserved and to cut their way through the Italian wire entanglements. A desperate man-to-man struggle began, which ended in a complete victory for the Abyssinians.

On the northern front the Abyssinians have made all the preparations for an attack on the Italian Makalle front.

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